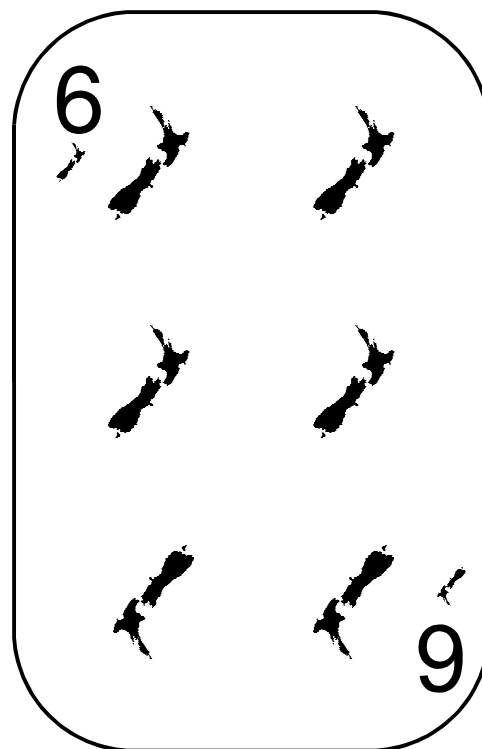


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Thursday July 6th



Congress Noticeboard - Thursday

Session Times for Thursday

Session 1 : 10 am

Session 2 : 2.15 pm

Session 3 : 8 pm

Dine & Dance Reservations

can be made at the desk - no charge for fully registered players, \$30 for partially registered players, \$50 for non-registered

Prizewinners

Can the following placegetters please call at the desk to sort out prizes

Losing quarterfinalists in the Rubber

NZ Pairs 3rd and 4th

NZ Plate 2nd

Congress Pairs 4th

Entries

for the Intermediate Pairs and Multiple teams close at 9.15 am. System regulations for the Intermediate Pairs are below

Swiss Pairs . Intermediate Teams

restricted to the first 60 entries. FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED. Entries close 7.15 pm. Intermediate Teams also closes at 7.15

Seniors Pairs

entries close at 7.15 pm

Entry To Events

Over the next few days there are many different events starting - Multiple Teams, Intermediate Pairs, Intermediate Teams, Swiss Pairs, Senior Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Same Sex Pairs. Players are reminded that only the Continuous Pairs is a walk-in event. All other events must be entered through the Congress Desk. When you enter, you will be given a receipt with your entry number and starting position. Please keep this and bring it to the playing rooms at the start of the event. If circumstances change and you are unable to play an event which you have entered, then PLEASE notify the desk. Please do not turn up for an event without entering - you are almost certain to be unable to play

System Regulations For The Intermediate Pairs

Players are allowed to use all green (Natural), blue (strong club) and red (artificial but not HUM) systems except the following :

- Relay based systems
- A 1NT opening bid which shows a hand which is either not balanced or may show less than 10 high card points
- Transfer openings below the level of 2NT
- Brown sticker conventions are NOT permitted

Pieter Vanderpoel has, I believe, left Congress. If any member of his club could transport his bottle of **Babich's** wine to him, could they please call at the Congress Office and collect it. Many thanks

Potlatch

Arthur Bennett

Arthur Bennett will be the first to admit that his present level of bridge needs a wedding reception of gifts to lift his average to anywhere near respectable. He also operates on the Canadian Indian potlatch system where mana is lost if the recipient of a gift does not return the favour with interest. On board 7 of the Congress Pairs second session, the kindness of the visiting tribe will be difficult to repay.

Dealer : South	♠ J 9 7 6 2		
	♥ Q 8		
	♦ J 10 9		
Vul : All	♣ K J 6		
♠ A Q 5			♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ 3			♥ J 9 7
♦ K Q 8 6 4 3 2			♦ 7
♣ A 3			♣ 10 9 8 7 5
	♠ K		
	♥ A K 10 6 5 4 2		
	♦ A 5		
	♣ Q 4 2		

Sitting Bull, sitting South, opened 4H when most would have opened at some lower level, letting West count coup by bidding his diamonds at some low level. Arthur had no such option. The vulnerability made a paleface of him but he had to be brave and bid 5D. The squaw, Sitting Pretty, sitting North passed as did Gillian Bennett as East. The Queen of hearts was led and Arthur was not overimpressed with his dummy.

Sitting Bull knew that the second round would be ruffed and overtook with his Ace. After all, if one partner knows how to defeat a contract, shouldn't he take control? He knew he wanted a spade ruff so he returned the King of spades. Arthur, dumbfounded but gratified, took the trick and played the King of diamonds, taken by South with the Ace. Back in his own tepee again, Sitting Bull decided to force declarer by playing the King of hearts.

Arthur duly trumped this, played the Queen of diamonds and threw Sitting Pretty in with the Jack of trumps. She obviously could not lead away from her King of clubs and bethought herself of her partner's eagerness to play the spade King. A small spade hit the deck. Arthur put up the 10 and cashed the Jack of hearts, throwing his small club. The rest of the hand was plain sailing and the result was one down undoubled. The odd thing was that every defensive move was thoughtful and logical from the opposition's point of view.

Arthur should have been scalped for down 3 doubled and vulnerable but escaped with one ruffled feather. When you meet him, expect a generous present.

Letter To The Editor

In Tuesday's Bulletin, you described Mr Jacob's bidding (NZ Pairs Final 1/14) where he overcalled a heart and then rebid 3D. His distribution was 7-2-1-3 with AKQJ852 of spades.

You described Mr Jacob's bidding in a jocular way. Mr Jacob psyched twice in one hand. I realise that he was playing in the NZ Pairs final and that the "big boys and girls" playing in the final should be good enough to expose psyches. However, his bidding was so "wacky" that it should not be encouraged in any form of bridge. (If I gave that bidding and hand to junior members in my club, I suspect that they would give up bridge if they thought that Mr Jacob's bidding was "normal" for expert players.)

You made no mention of Mr Jacob completing a psyche form, nor did you mention whether or not the director said anything to him (if the director was called).

If I were directing and that "bidding" occurred I would hope that I would be called to the table. I would then inform the "bidder" that he was obliged to complete 2 psyche forms at the end of the hand and that I would be scrutinising every call he made for the rest of the session. I believe that you should have taken a more condemnatory tone in your article, along the lines of "Why does an expert player need to make such nonsense bids?"

To quote Arie Geursen, "Psyches are an integral part of bridge" - yes, I know but twice in one hand is not bridge.

I have been told that, in American tournaments, the players have to make normal system bids. The Americans leave their "scientific" bidding for the World Championships - perhaps this is one of the reasons why the Americans are so much better at inferring and deducing what is happening at the table - they do not waste their time with psyche bids. We want more people to play bridge - natural systems is the way to achieve this.

Chris Bolland

Ed : If I may respond to some of these points

Yes, I described Tom's bidding in a jocular way, such is my style. I did not say that a psyche form had been completed as it was not relevant to what I saw as the point of a small light-hearted story. In fact, it was entirely from the form that I got the story at all. I have no idea whether a director was called though I cannot conceive of any reason why one should have been. My understanding is that directors are there to deal with irregularities and infractions. Tom made two perfectly legal bids. Bluff is an inherent part of most games - what is a dummy on the rugby field other than a bluff that you are going to pass the ball? What is a googly other than a bluff that it is a leg break? Even in chess, what are the "Evergreen" and "Immortal" games other than bluffs that the material conceded represented an advantage rather than being the preparation for ultimate defeat? Tom chose to extend his first psyche with a second which surely doubled the risk that his partner would take him seriously.

No-one is suggesting that Tom's bidding was "normal for expert players." The whole nature of a psyche is that it is an abnormal action. If it becomes "normal" then it becomes a "controlled psyche" which is illegal or else it becomes systemic and alertable. I'm not sure what the extremely restrictive American system regulations have to do with this case.

Psyches do seem to polarise opinion. I recently read a letter in an overseas magazine in which a prominent player described psyches as cheating and drew a parallel to the Buenos Aires affair. The editor pointed out much more effectively than I could, that, while he was happy to publish the letter and accepted the player's right to his opinion, he disagreed absolutely and totally with that opinion. As I say, I couldn't say it as well, but I agree with that editor in every way.

Any other player who wishes to contribute to this debate is invited to put a letter in the Bulletin box on the Congress desk



PLAY OF THE DAY

Tom Winiata nominates his partner for a bottle of **Babich's** superb wine for her performance on this one and I cannot disagree.

Teams Q3/5

Dealer : E

Vul : NS

♠ 7 3 2
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 10 8 6
♣ Q 6 5 4

♠ K Q 10 5
♥ A 9 2
♦ Q 9 2
♣ J 9 8



♠ J 9 8 6
♥ Q J 6 3
♦ K 5 4
♣ 3 2

♠ A 4
♥ K 8 5
♦ A J 7 3
♣ A K 10 7

Lesley Quilty, North, was playing 6NT after some rather aggressive bidding by Tom. She received a small heart lead which she took in hand. She ran the Jack of clubs round to West's Queen and took the heart return in dummy. She then cashed the clubs, the last of these saw

Teams Q3/5

Dealer : E

Vul : NS

♠ 7 3 2
♥ 7
♦ 10 8 6
♣ 6

♠ K Q 10 5

♥ 9

♦ Q 9 2

♣



♠ J 9 8 6

♥ Q

♦ K 5 4

♣

♠ A 4

♥ 8

♦ A J 7 3

♣ 10

The squeeze on East was starting to develop. A spade was pitched and Lesley started on that suit. The fourth round saw East finally forced to concede :

Teams Q3/5

Dealer : E

Vul : NS

♠
♥ 7
♦ 10 8 6
♣

♠ 10

♥

♦ Q 9 2

♣



♠

♥ Q

♦ K 5 4

♣

♠

♥ 8

♦ A J 7

♣

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WINE OF THE DAY

BABICH WINEMAKERS RESERVE GEWURZTRAMINER 2002

A perfect ripening period from February through March coupled with the free draining shingle soils of our Gimblett Road vineyard, delivered clean and deliciously perfumed fruit. Goes well with Asian cuisine, also white meat dishes. Try it with hot glazed ham with sweet Italian mustard fruits.

Problem Corner

You hold Q J 9 7 3 facing 6 2. What is your best line for 3 tricks? There are no communication problems.

Meanwhile, Back In The Asylum

We all know the feeling. The opponents are obviously setting up killing defensive ruffs. You MUST get in quickly and play trumps but the opportunity seems to be denied to you. Watch Barry Jones solve the problem in a most innovative manner.

Teams Q6/15

Dealer : S

Vul : NS

♠ K 10 4 3

♥ K 4

♦ J 9 8 7

♣ 9 7 6

♠ 9

♥ 5 2

♦ A K 6 5 2

♣ Q J 10 5 4



♠ A 7 5

♥ A J 9

♦ Q 10 3

♣ A K 8 3

♠ Q J 8 6 2

♥ Q 10 8 7 6 3

♦ 4

♣ 2

After 2 passes, Ann Marie Russell, North opened 2NT to show 5-5 in the minors. Jenny Millington doubled which expressed a desire to penalise at least one minor. This was passed back to Ann Marie who bid 3C. Jenny doubled - saying "That's the one!"

But Barry knew better. He pulled to 3S which probably made Nina Hewitt, sitting South, feel a lot better.

(Incidentally, is this the worst bid you've seen this week?)

Ann Marie led the Ace of diamonds and the King on which Nina shed her club. This did not look good for Barry. But no problem. He immediately led a small spade to dummy's King and then a spade back to his Ace. Seeing Ann Marie's discard, he went to weaken Nina's holding in trumps by leading a diamond to dummy's Queen. At this point a rather perplexed voice from the North seat was heard to wonder what had happened to the King of diamonds.

And we have an all time first - a triple Homer nomination for Barry, Ann Marie and Nina. I think that Jennie's passive role as dummy saves us from a quadruple.

Jimmy Wallis knew he'd made a horrible error before the card hit the table but his reflexes weren't good enough to retrieve it in time. No worries, it all came right in the end

Teams Q 4/20

Dealer : W

Vul : All

♠
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ 10 5
♣ K Q J 8 7 6 2

♠ 5 4
♥ A J 10 4 2
♦ Q 6 3 2
♣ A 3



♠ A K 9 8 7 2
♥
♦ A K 9 8 7 4
♣ 9

♠ Q J 10 6 3
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ J
♣ 10 5 4

West was playing 6C doubled by Jim (North) after East had made a futile effort to interest his partner in the pointed suits. Jim led the Ace of hearts and desperately tried to recapture it when the penny dropped a microsecond too late that the auction absolutely screamed for a trump lead.

The lead was ruffed on table by a grateful declarer and he took the opportunity to cash the Ace and King of spades for heart discards. A small spade was led to trick 4, Siggie Konig dropped the Jack and declarer ruffed.....with the 2! Oops.

This one doesn't belong in the asylum, though it may look like it.

You hold ♠ A 8 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ A 10 9 8 7 6 3 ♣ 9

You are going to get one bid. Partner has shown values but has not indicated a specific suit. Your bid is a serious attempt to play game. Your bid is successful and so is your contract. What is your bid?

Hands up all those who said 5C.

Teams Q3/3

Dealer : S

Vul : EW

♠ 9
♥ Q 10 4
♦ K 5
♣ A K Q 5 4 3 2

♠ Q 5 4 3
♥ J 8 7 6
♦ J 4 2
♣ 10 8



♠ A 8 2
♥ 9 5
♦ A 10 9 8 7 6 3
♣ 9

♠ K J 10 7 6
♥ A K 3 2
♦ Q
♣ J 7 6

South opened 1S and Scott Smith bid 3S, asking for a spade stop for no trump play and by implication showing a long, solid minor suit. North tried 4S but David Ackerley

made his sole contribution to the auction with 5C. 11 tricks were not hard to find.

A couple of issues back in *New Zealand Bridge*, John Serjeant won a competition for the best partner put down with his quote from a famous English player about her partner - "He was not only playing for the opposition, he was playing well!"

I wonder if John thought of this during the third round of Teams qualifying.

Teams Q3/2	♠ K 10 8 5 3	
Dealer : E	♥ K 6	
	♦ J 6	
Vul : NS	♣ 8 5 4 3	
♠ Q J 6 4		♠ 7 2
♥ Q 10		♥ A 5 4 2
♦ Q 5 4		♦ A 2
♣ A Q 10 6		♣ K J 9 7 2
	♠ A 9	
	♥ J 9 8 7 3	
	♦ K 10 9 8 7 3	
	♣	

Graham Wakefield was playing 4Hx from South against Margaret Perley and Murat Genc with John watching benignly from dummy. Murat led the Queen of spades and Graham took with dummy's King. The Jack of diamonds was played from table and run to Murat's Queen. He continued a spade to Graham's Ace and Margaret took the diamond continuation with her Ace. The Ace of trumps was cashed and Graham followed small and then studiously unblocked dummy's King.

And John thought, "He was not only...."

A Play Problem

Chris Ackerley

Another card combination for you. How do you play to make a trick holding 8 4 3 2 facing 6 singleton?

Teams Q3/6	♠ A K Q 10	
Dealer : E	♥ K 4	
	♦ 6	
Vul : EW	♣ A Q 9 5 3 2	
♠ 8 5 4 3		♠ 9 2
♥ A 10 7 6 2		♥ Q 5
♦ A K J 5		♦ Q 10 9 7
♣		♣ J 10 7 6 4
	♠ J 7 6	
	♥ J 9 8 3	
	♦ 8 4 3 2	
	♣ K 8	

The auction

West Chris	North Dean Eidler	East Arleen Schwartz	South Paul Freeland
1H P	x 3NT	P end	1NT

I led the Ace of diamonds which systemically asked for an unblock. Arleen followed with the 10 and I continued the King, Arleen dropping the 9. I then tried the Jack for Arleen to overtake with the Queen. Paul won the fourth diamond with the 8, led towards the King of hearts and claimed.

Youthful Exuberance

The scores in the Youth match held on Monday evening were a little scary. Four matches were played (14 boards each) and the imps traded were 79, 81, 81 and 83. 324 imps in 56 boards - a tick under 6 a board. Good conservative imp bridge.

Gabby Feiler gave me these two which show Australia's Andrew Morcambe to good effect.

Dealer : E	♠ 7 4 2		
	♥ K 7		
	♦ A 9 7 5 4 2		
Vul : All	♣ 4 3		
♠ 8 6			♠ K Q J 10 9 5 3
♥ Q 10 9 5 2			♥ A 3
♦ K Q 8 6			♦ J 10
♣ 6 5			♣ 10 2
	♠ A		
	♥ J 8 6 4		
	♦ 3		
	♣ A K Q J 9 8 7		

Andrew was sitting South and East opened 1S. Andrew shot 3NT. West led a heart and Andrew played low. And that was that!

Dealer : E	♠ A K 7 4		
	♥ Q		
	♦ A J 7 4 2		
Vul : NS	♣ 9 3 2		
♠ 9 8 5 2			♠ J 6
♥ 7 3			♥ J 10 9 8
♦ Q 9 6			♦ 10 8 5 3
♣ J 8 5 4			♣ A K Q
	♠ Q 10 3		
	♥ A K 6 5 4 2		
	♦ K		
	♣ 10 7 6		

Andrew opened 1H and his partner responded 2D. Andrew rebid 3C which probably wouldn't have occurred to many of you. That got 3S from North and, when Andrew repeated his hearts, North shot the slam.

The 6 of diamonds was led to Andrew's King and he played a heart. He came off dummy with the diamond ruff and cashed the Ace and King of trumps. Now he went back to dummy with a spade to the King and started cashing diamonds - Ace (pitching a club), Jack (another club) and the 7 for a third club sluff and that made 12.

Innocent Air

Jeff Miller

Teams Q4/20

Dealer : W

Vul : All

♠
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ 10 5
♣ K Q J 8 7 6 2

♠ 5 4
♥ A J 10 4 2
♦ Q 6 3 2
♣ A 3



♠ A K 9 8 7 2
♥
♦ A K 9 8 7 4
♣ 9

♠ Q J 10 6 3
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ J
♣ 10 5 4

Miller/Stout reached 5Dx by Miller (E) after North had overcalled hearts and South had doubled 4S. South chose the unfortunate lead of the 9 of hearts which went to the King, Ace and a ruff. A spade was ruffed and declarer pitched the club loser on the Queen of hearts. Now King of clubs covered by the Ace and ruffed. A spade was ruffed in dummy the Queen of clubs was cashed to discard a spade loser. The moment of truth had arrived.

On the actual layout, declarer can get home by continuing with another high club through North effectively getting rid of either a trump loser or a spade loser. But a hird round of clubs would be fatal if North held the third club. South had followed with the 10 of clubs with an innocent air on the second round, convincing declarer to abandon clubs and thus go one down.

A very nice false card by South - Jennifer Adam of Tauranga.

Problem Corner

Patrick Carter faced this problem. How to play Q J 9 7 3 facing 6 2 for 2 losers.

Patrick played small to the Queen and small to the Jack losing to the Ace and King. His counterpart in the other room had played small to the 9 which successfully finessed the 10. Patrick was one down while his opponent made.

Small consolation for Patrick, but the Encyclopaedia says that his line is correct and his opponent benefitted from an inaccurate play.

Perspectives change in other ways for the experts. Let's look at some systemic bidding and hand evaluation.

Teams Q9/11	♠ 4	
Dealer : S	♥ 10 9 7 2	
	♦ 10 9 6 3	
Vul : Nil	♣ A Q 9 4	
♠ J 10 9 2		♠ A K 8
♥ 8 5		♥ A K Q
♦ A Q J 8		♦ K 4 2
♣ 10 5 3		♣ K J 7 6
	♠ Q 7 6 5 3	
	♥ J 6 4 3	
	♦ 7 5	
	♣ 8 2	

You sit North and there are two passes. How quickly can you pass? Peter Newell opened a system-constrained 2C to show at least 4-4 in hearts and a minor. Ashley Bach doubled and Martin Reid bid 2H. Ishmael Delmonte doubled for takeout but Ashley left it in.

The auction rather screamed for a trump lead and Ish duly led one. Ash drew three rounds and cashed the Ace of spades. Three rounds of diamonds followed, on the last of which Martin dropped a spade to leave Ash on lead. Ash tried the Ace of spades but Martin ruffed and eventually conceded a club for -500. Just another boring push as Malcolm Mayer and Tom Jacob brought in 490 in 3NT in the other room.

If you really want a change of perspective then look at this expert auction and deduce East's hand shape.

West	North	East	South
P	1S	2D	2S
P	P	3C	x
P	P	3H	end

What do you think :

0 - 4 - 5 - 4?

1 - 4 - 4 - 4?

Being told that the perpetrator was Stephen Burgess, Jimmy Wallis suggested 4-3-3-3 but the layout was, in fact as below

Teams Q9/5

Dealer : N

Vul : NS

♠ A 6 2
♥ 9 8 5 4 2
♦ 6 3
♣ 10 9 5

♠ K 10 9 8 3

♥ 7 6 3

♦ A K J 10

♣ J



♠ Q J
♥ A Q 10
♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ A 8 7 3

♠ 7 5 4

♥ K J

♦ 8 4 2

♣ K Q 6 4 2

You or I might have bid the hand differently but Stephen now had to make 3H - or at least go close. The truly amazing aspect of the hand was still to come - Stephen ruffed the fifth club in hand!

A spade was led and Stephen ducked this to North's King. The Jack of clubs came back and Stephen took his Ace. He played a second club which South took with the Queen, to cash the King as well. A fourth club was played and Stephen pitched a diamond off dummy while North ruffed. A heart was played next to Stephen's 10 and South's Jack and the last club played, ruffed by Stephen with the Queen. The Ace of trumps had gratifying effect and, once again, Blind Justice failed as he escaped for -50.

The Little Red Rooster

Neil Phillips is a member of the Auckland club. He has an active style and loves to operate. Being a generous soul, Neil has been known to share the fruits of his operations with others when one of his operations is successful.

In the ninth round of the Teams, the farmyard was strangely quiet as the rooster failed to crow.

Teams Q9/11

Dealer : S

Vul : Nil

♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 8 5
♦ A Q J 8
♣ 10 5 3

♠ 4

♥ 10 9 7 2

♦ 10 9 6 3

♣ A Q 9 4



♠ A K 8
♥ A K Q
♦ K 4 2
♣ K J 7 6

♠ Q 7 6 5 3

♥ J 6 4 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 8 2

After 3 passes, Martin Löfgren opened 2C. This drew 2D from partner, David Beauchamp. Martin continued 2NT and David made a major suit enquiry with 3C.

Neil thought this was a good time to make a lead-directing double. It wasn't. A fact of which Neil was made aware when Martin redoubled. 3Cxx making 1160 did not represent a triumph and the rooster was silenced. However, his partner, Neil Stuckey, wasn't

North Meets South

Jo Simpson

One often hears discussion between North Islanders and Mainlanders regarding the differences in bidding styles and systems - nowhere was this more apparent than on Board 7 in the seventh round of Teams qualifying

Teams Q7/7

Dealer : S

Vul : All

♠ 9 8 7 3

♥ A K 5

♦ J 9 4

♣ K 7 4

♠ Q J 4 2

♥ 2

♦ K Q 2

♣ Q 9 8 6 5



♠

♥ J 9 8 7 6 3

♦ A 10 7 5

♣ A 10 2

♠ A K 10 6 5

♥ Q 10 4

♦ 8 6 3

♣ J 3

At one table two Mainland pairs opposed each other and the bidding proceeded

West	North	East	South
1D (Precision) 3H P	2C 4S Double	2H 5H end	P 2S

When the dust cleared, EW were writing +850 on the scoresheet.

Eventually, both pairs were each reunited with their North Island team-mates for the score up.

“Board 7 - +850, what about you?”

“Passed in” was the reply

Ed - but isn't Lancashire the Mainland?